

Introduced by Senator Ducheny

February 18, 2004

An act to add Section 4114.3 to the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1346, as introduced, Ducheny. Natural resources: fire prevention and suppression.

Under existing law, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is responsible for protecting the state's forest, range, and brushland resources from fire. Existing law requires the department to organize fire crews and patrols.

This bill would require the department to staff at least four persons on all department fire engines during fire season, as defined, except in southern California, as defined, where the bill would require the department to staff at least 4 persons on all department fire engines year-round.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4114.3 is added to the Public Resources
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 4114.3. (a) The department shall staff at least four persons on
- 4 all department fire engines during fire season, except in southern
- 5 California, where the department shall staff at least four persons
- 6 on all department fire engines year-round.

1 (b) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
2 following meanings:

3 (1) “Fire season” means the period, declared by the director,
4 during which weather and fuel conditions present a constant fire
5 hazard to the people of the state.

6 (2) “Southern California” means the area of the state that is
7 south of Santa Barbara and the Tehachapi mountain range.

